

REMARKS

This is a supplemental response to the 02 October 2009 office action.

Applicant has amended independent claims 23 and 30 as well as dependent claim 44 to correct grammatical errors.

New claim 45 is added and recites that the hollow cap comprises hydrogel. This is similar to previously presented claims 43 and 44 which recite hydrogel barrier material.

Receipt is acknowledged of the examiner's interview summary mailed 25 January 2010. The examiner's summary is correct as to what transpired at the meeting on 12 January 2010. The applicant's position on the issues is correctly stated in applicant's amendment filed 11 December 2009 and these arguments were presented at the meeting on 12 January 2010.

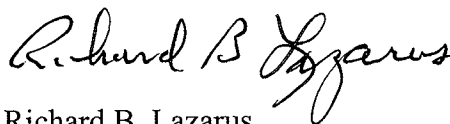
For all of the reasons stated in applicant's amendment filed 11 December 2009, claims 23-34, 36 and 38-45 appear to be in condition for allowance and such is respectfully requested.

If there is any issue remaining to be resolved, the examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned so that resolution can be promptly effected.

It is requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response with the fee for such extensions and shortages in other fees, being charged, or any overpayment in fees being credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 02-1010 (6714-46501).

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard B. Lazarus", written in a cursive style.

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